

**Livable Delaware Advisory Council
April 12, 2004
Paradee Center, Dover**

Minutes

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, April 12, 2004 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Members Present: Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair

**Joe Carrado
Secretary John Hughes
Robert McLeod
Paul Morrill
Ken Murphy
Marty Ross
Secretary Michael Scuse
Lori Spagnolo
Robert Stickels
Lee Ann Walling
Senator Robert L. Venables**

Members Absent: Director Judy McKinney Cherry

**Sherry Freebery
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Randy Marvel
Joe Myer
Richard Pryor
Representative Roger Roy
Rick Woodin**

Others Present: Charles Baker, New Castle County

**Robert Baldwin, DNREC
Al Farling, DNREC/FAB
Connie Holland, Planning
Richard Kantz, Sussex County
Andrea Kreiner, Governor's Office
Michael McGrath, DDA
Frank Piorko, DNREC
Alex Settles, OSPC
Bryan Sullivan, Budget Office
Ann Marie Townshend, OSPC**

Mr. Scuse called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. (The chair, Mr. Carney, would be joining the meeting late.)

STATE STRATEGIES

Ms. Holland introduced Mike Mahaffie who gave a powerpoint presentation on State Strategies. This is the presentation that the planning office is presenting at public workshops. Mr. Mahaffie stressed that this tool is to be used as a guide, not a land use map. You can find the draft of the Strategies and a public workshops schedule at www.state.de.us/planning/strategies. The powerpoint presentation is also available on line at <http://www.state.de.us/planning/strategies/#ppt> Mr. McCloud challenged the

projected growth figures for Kent County in the "Absorption Analyst. Mr. Carney reiterated that the figures were from the Consortium and reminded everyone that "this is not an exact science". However, he asked planning to fine-tune the Absorption Analyst figures. Mr. Ross was concerned that since Sussex showed the least amount of growth that state dollars would not be readily available downstate, mainly for roads. Sen. Venables piggybacked on what Mr. Ross was saying about the roads in Sussex County. There is the need not only for repairs, but new roads need to be built. He also wanted to mention that Planning personnel refer to potential development areas as "our land"... "It's not our land, it's the farmer's land." He wanted that understood. Ms. Spagnolo wanted to make sure there was a balance between moneys spent on gray vs green infrastructure. Once the public workshops are completed, the public has until May 7 to submit comments concerning the document.

COMMUNITY DESIGN

Ms. Holland said the publication was at the printers. It will be sent to the 57 municipalities and 3 county offices. Mr. Carney asked what it's use would be. Ms. Holland said that Kent County is already using it as a guide in planning and a number of other municipalities have called to ask for it.

STORMWATER UTILITIES PRESENTATION

Frank Piorko from DNREC was introduced and presented a powerpoint presentation on Stormwater Utilities.

While there was a delay due to equipment failure, Mr. Carney brought up **Other Business** not on the Agenda, referring to a School Siting Bill... coordinating land use when locating/building new schools. Bryan Sullivan, Budget, is currently working on it.

Following the stormwater presentation there was some discussion on stormwater management and who was responsible for it. Most maintenance is handled at the local level with neighborhood maintenance corporations responsible for most of them. Senator Venables asked if we were being asked to start a new state agency. Mr. Carney said that was a good segue into the next agenda item.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Corrado presented a resolution ...To address the needs as identified, the LDAC through the Delaware Public Policy Institute conduct a workshop to 1) Further identify the infrastructure needs throughout the state. 2) Determine the need to establish an infrastructure bank to fund such needs. 3) Develop funding mechanisms that would generate the revenue to the infrastructure bank. 4) Define the framework of what policies and procedures would be necessary to establish the items stated above. 5) Arrive at a consensus on all of the above. And 6) To derive a path forward to follow through on the results of the workshop. (For a copy pf the resolution w/back up materials, please contact Mr. Corrado) After a brief discussion on existing funding sources Mr. Corrado asked for a motion to have the Council recommend the resolution to the Governor. There was a second by Mr. Morrill. After no further discussion Mr. Carney called for a vote to present the resolution to the Governor. Vote: Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Feedback on Green Infrastructure Recommendations

Mr. Carney said he had an opportunity to speak to the Governor about the recommendations and stated that she was excited about them and was responsive to Development Stretch Goals. Senator Venables asked that not all the requested money be spent the first year as there is a piece of property in Sussex County (Mason Farm) that needs serious and immediate purchasing consideration.

Implementation Plan Updates

Ms. Kreiner handed out an updated version of the Implementation Plan. (Attached)

OTHER

Ms. Spagnolo reminded the Chairman that at the last meeting she had asked for an update on the Rt. 1 ramps at Townsend. She asked that it be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the UofD Paradee Building, Dover.